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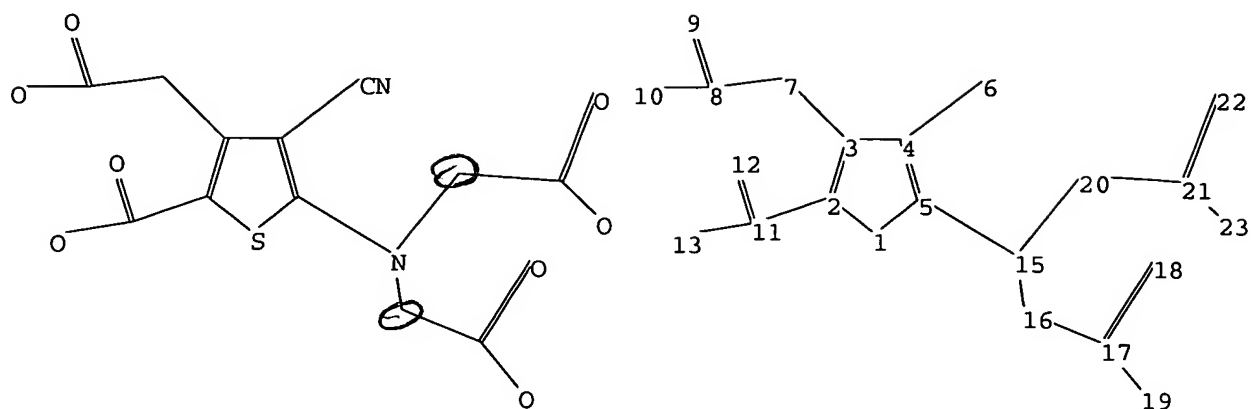
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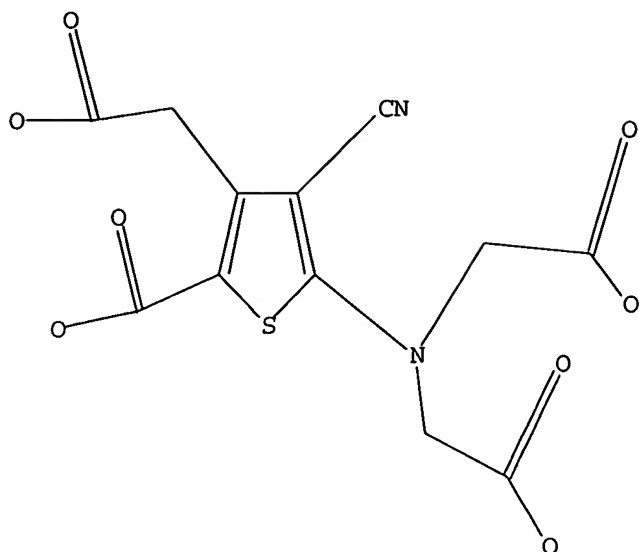
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005:240650 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 142:422811

TITLE: Strontium ranelate: A novel mode of action leading to renewed bone quality

AUTHOR(S): Ammann, Patrick

CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Bone Diseases, WHO Collaborating Center for Osteoporosis Prevention, Department of Rehabilitation and Geriatrics, University Hospital of Geneva, Geneva, 1211/14, Switz.

SOURCE: Osteoporosis International (2005) 16 (Suppl. 1), S11-S15

CODEN: OSINEP; ISSN: 0937-941X

PUBLISHER: Springer London Ltd.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review

LANGUAGE: English

AB A review. Various bone resorption inhibitors and bone stimulators have been shown to decrease the risk of osteoporotic fractures. However, there is still a need for agents promoting bone formation by inducing positive uncoupling between bone formation and bone resorption. In vitro studies have suggested that strontium ranelate enhances osteoblast cell

replication and activity. Simultaneously, strontium ranelate dose-dependently inhibits osteoclast activity. In vivo studies indicate that strontium ranelate stimulates bone formation and inhibits bone resorption and prevents bone loss and/or promotes bone gain. This pos. uncoupling between bone formation and bone resorption results in bone gain and improvement in bone geometry and microarchitecture, without affecting the intrinsic bone tissue quality. Thus, all the determinants of bone strength are pos. influenced. In conclusion, strontium ranelate, a new treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis, acts through an innovative mode of action, both stimulating bone formation and inhibiting bone resorption, resulting in the rebalancing of bone turnover in favor of bone formation. Strontium ranelate increases bone mass while preserving the bone mineralization **process**, resulting in improvement in bone strength and bone quality.

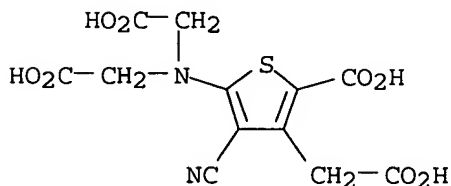
IT 135459-87-9, Strontium ranelate

RL: PAC (Pharmacological activity); THU (Therapeutic use); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)

(strontium ranelate stimulate bone formation, inhibits resorption balances bone turnover thus increases bone mass, preserves bone mineralization **process** in turn improves bone strength, quality in postmenopausal osteoporotic woman)

RN 135459-87-9 HCAPLUS

CN 3-Thiopheneacetic acid, 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-2-carboxy-4-cyano-, strontium salt (1:2) (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:287532

TITLE: Preparation of substituted phosphonate compounds having bone anabolic activity

INVENTOR(S): Nguyem, Lan Mong; Diep, Vinh Van; Phan, Hieu Trung; Niesor, Eric Joseph; Masson, Daniele; Guyon-Gellin, Yves; Buattini, Emanuele; Severi, Carlo; Azoulay, Raymond; Bentzen, Craig Leigh; et al.

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Ilex Oncology Research, S.a r.l., Switz.

SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 59 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

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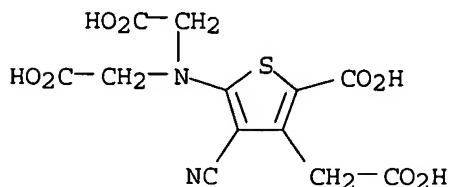
AB The present invention relates to the use of substituted phosphonate compds. with bone anabolic activity in the treatment and-or prevention of bone diseases, such as osteoporosis. Thus, TiCl_4/N -methylmorpholine mediated reaction of 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde with di-Me 2-oxopropylphosphonate gave 38% title compound, 3,5-(t-Bu)₂-4-HOC₆H₂CH:CHCOCH₂PO₃Me₂; reduction of HMG-CoA reductase with prepared compds. is given.

IT 135459-87-9, S-12911

RL: BCP (Biochemical process); BIOL (Biological study); PROC (Process)
(preparation of substituted keto phosphonate compds. starting from aromatic aldehydes and their bone anabolic activity)

RN 135459-87-9 HCAPLUS

CN 3-Thiopheneacetic acid, 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-2-carboxy-4-cyano-, strontium salt (1:2) (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:267250 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:303853

TITLE: Preparation of substituted ketophosphonate compounds having bone anabolic activity

INVENTOR(S): Nguyen, Lan Mong; Diep, Vinh Van; Phan, Hieu Trung; Niesor, Eric Joseph; Masson, Daniele; Guyon-Gellin, Yves; Buattini, Emanuele; Severi, Carlo; Azoulay, Raymond; Bentzen, Craig Leigh

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Ilex Oncology Research, S.a r.l., Switz.

SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 77 pp.

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OTHER SOURCE(S): MARPAT 140:303853

AB The present invention provides preparation of substituted ketophosphonate compns. of matter, pharmaceutical compns. and methods of use of such compns. for the treatment and/or prevention of bone diseases. Thus, TiCl_4/N -methylmorpholine mediated reaction of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-methylbenzaldehyde with di-Me 1,1-dimethyl-2-oxopropylphosphonate in THF gave 41% title compound, di-Me 4-(3-methoxy-5-methyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,1-dimethyl-2-oxo-3-buten-1-ylphosphonate, 3-MeO-5-Me-4-HOC₆H₂CH:CHCOCMe₂PO₃Me₂; reduction of amount of HMG-CoA reductase with the prepared compds. are given.

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RL: BCP (Biochemical process); BIOL (Biological study); PROC (Process)

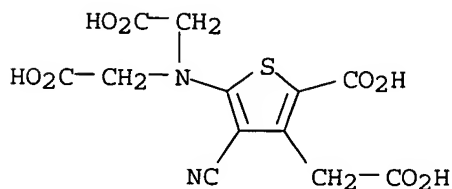
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their bone anabolic activity)

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CN 3-Thiopheneacetic acid, 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-2-carboxy-4-cyano-, strontium salt (1:2) (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:287258

TITLE: **Process** for the industrial-scale synthesis of the methyl diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid and its application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and their hydrates

INVENTOR(S): Vaysse-Ludot, Lucile; Lecouve, Jean-pierre; Langlois, Rascal

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S):

SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 4 pp.

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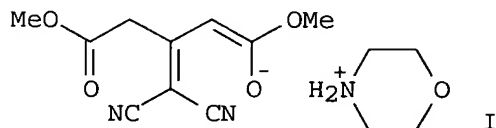
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AB The Me diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid is prepared on an industrial scale via the condensation reaction of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate with malonitrile in methanol in the presence of 0.95 mol of morpholine per mol of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate to give the morpholinium salt (I) which is subjected to a cyclocondensation reaction with 0.95 mol of sulfur per mol of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate, the reaction is heated at reflux, water added, and the title compound precipitated and collected by filtration. Application of the Me diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid, and especially strontium ranelate and its hydrates, is claimed.

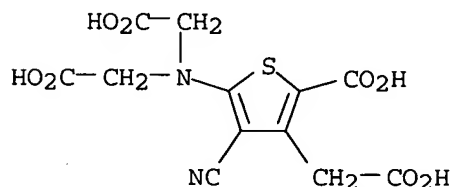
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RL: IMF (Industrial manufacture); PREP (Preparation)

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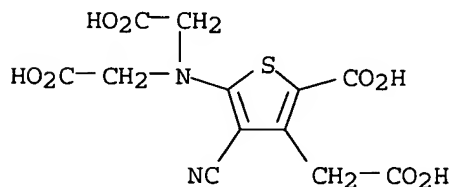
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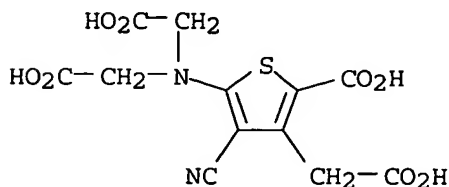
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(process for the industrial-scale synthesis of the Me diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid and its application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and their hydrates)

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CN 3-Thiopheneacetic acid, 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-2-carboxy-4-cyano-
(9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:252227 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:270729

TITLE: .

Process for the industrial synthesis of tetraesters of 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid and their application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and their hydrates

INVENTOR(S): Vaysse-Ludot Lucile; Lecouve, Jean-pierre; Langlois, Pascal

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Fr.

SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 4 pp.

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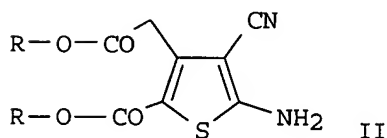
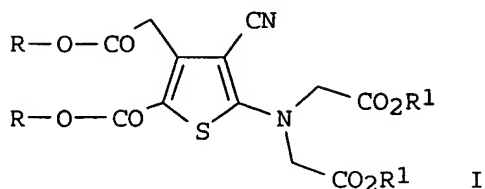
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OTHER SOURCE(S):

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AB Tetraesters of 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid [I; R, R1 = (un)branched C1-6 alkyl] are prepared in high yield and selectivity by the alkylation of the corresponding 5-amino compound (II) with an alkyl bromoacetate ester BrCH2CO2R1 in the presence of a catalytic amount of a quaternary ammonium compound, potassium carbonate acid scavenger at reflux in an organic solvent, the reaction mixture is then concentrated by distillation, an a nonsolvent added to cause

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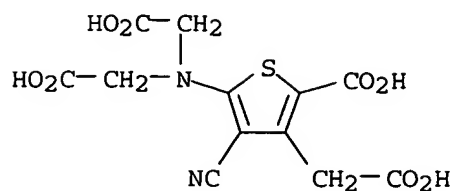
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135459-90-4P, Ranelic acid 674773-13-8P
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RL: IMF (Industrial manufacture); SPN (Synthetic preparation); PREP (Preparation)

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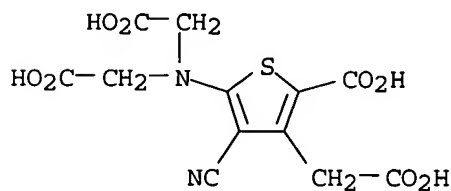
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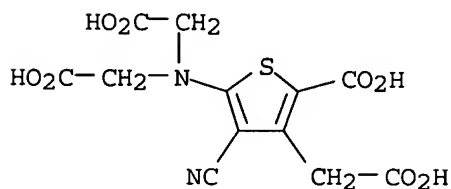
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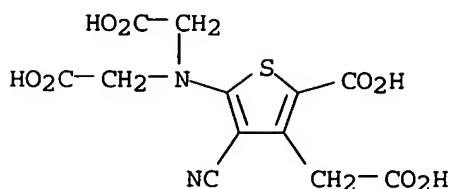


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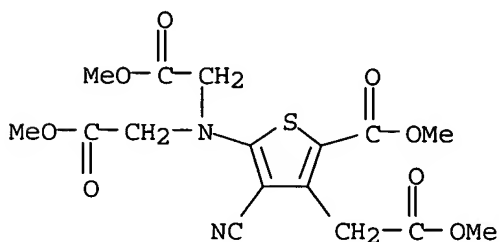
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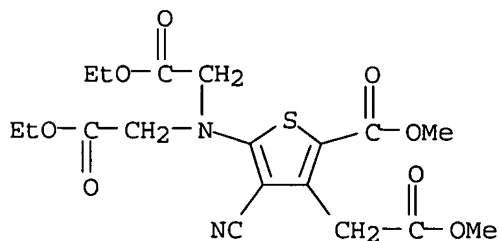
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:249307 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:272696

TITLE: New ~~process~~ for industrial synthesis of strontium ranelate and its hydrates

INVENTOR(S): Vaysse, Ludot, Lucile; Lecouve, Jean Pierre; Langlois, Pascal

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Les Laboratoires Servier, Fr.

SOURCE: Fr. Demande, 22 pp.

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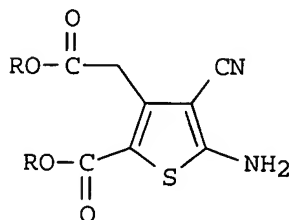
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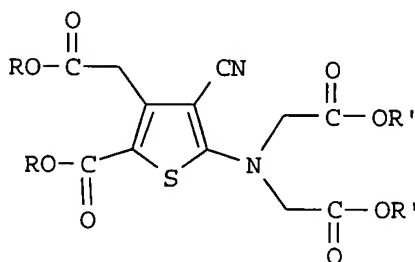
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AB An industrial **process** for the synthesis of strontium ranelate and its hydrates consists of: reaction of $\text{RO}_2\text{CCH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}$ (R = linear or branched C1-6 alkyl) with malononitrile (NCCH_2CN) in MeOH in presence of morpholine (>0.95 mol per mol diester) to give the morpholinium salt of $\text{ROCOCH}_2\text{C}[:\text{C}(\text{CN})_2]\text{CH}:\text{C}(\text{OR})\text{O}-$, followed by refluxing with sulfur to give thiophene derivative I (same R). Reaction of the latter (as diacid) with $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}'$ (R' = e.g., Me or Et) in the presence of a catalytic quantity of C8-10 quaternary ammonium salt and K_2CO_3 in an organic solvent at reflux affords tetracarboxylate II, which reacts with $\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2$ at reflux in water for ≥ 5 h to give strontium ranelate and its hydrates. Thus, the octahydrate of strontium ranelate was prepared by this method (96% yield and 98% purity in final step).

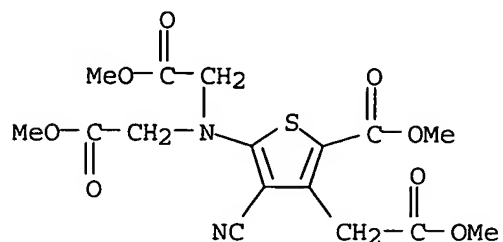
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RL: IMF (Industrial manufacture); RCT (Reactant); PREP (Preparation); RACT (Reactant or reagent)

(for industrial preparation of strontium ranelate and its hydrates)

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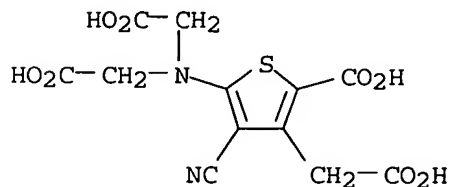


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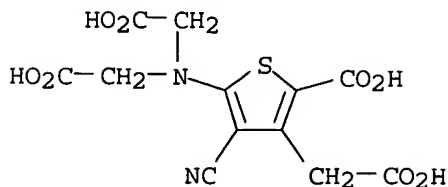
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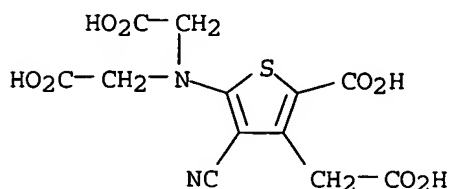
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● 2 Sr

RN 674773-15-0 HCAPLUS
 CN 3-Thiopheneacetic acid, 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-2-carboxy-4-cyano-,
 strontium salt (1:2), octahydrate (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



● 8 H₂O

● 2 Sr

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:253517 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 139:127362

TITLE: A nonlinear compartmental model of Sr metabolism. I. Non-steady-state kinetics and model building

AUTHOR(S): Staub, J. F.; Foos, E.; Courtin, B.; Jochemsen, R.; Perault-Staub, A. M.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Unite Mixte de Recherches 7052 Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Laboratoire de Recherches Orthopediques, Faculte de Medecine Lariboisiere-St-Louis, Paris, 75010, Fr.

SOURCE: American Journal of Physiology (2003), 284(3, Pt. 2), R819-R834

CODEN: AJPHAP; ISSN: 0002-9513

PUBLISHER: American Physiological Society

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

AB A model of Sr metabolism was developed by using plasma and urinary Sr kinetic data obtained in groups of postmenopausal women who received 4 different oral doses of Sr and collected during the Sr administration period (25 days) and for 28 days after cessation of treatment. A nonlinear compartmental formalism that is appropriate for study of non-steady-state kinetics and allows dissociation of variables pertaining to Sr metabolism (system

1) from those indirectly operating on it (system 2) was used. At each stage of model development, the dose-dependent model response was fitted to the 4 sets of data considered simultaneously (1 set per dose). A 7-compartment model with internal Sr distribution and intestinal, urinary, and bone metabolic pathways was selected. It includes 2 kinds of nonlinearities: those accounting for saturable intestinal and bone processes, which behave as intrinsic nonlinearities because they are directly dependent on Sr, and extrinsic nonlinearities (dependent on

system 2), which suggest the cooperative involvement of plasma Sr changes in modulating some intestinal and bone mineral metabolic pathways. With the set of identified parameter values, the initial steady-state model predictions are relevant to known physiol., and some peculiarities of model behavior for long-term Sr administration were simulated.

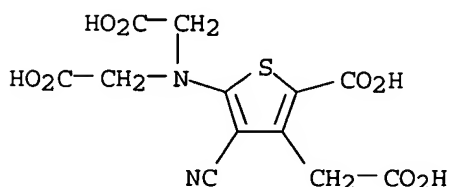
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RL: PAC (Pharmacological activity); THU (Therapeutic use); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)

(nonlinear compartmental model of strontium metabolism in women given oral Sr (S-12911))

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CN 3-Thiopheneacetic acid, 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-2-carboxy-4-cyano-, strontium salt (1:2) (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:315356 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 135:174574

TITLE: Incorporation and distribution of strontium in bone

AUTHOR(S): Dahl, S. G.; Allain, P.; Marie, P. J.; Mauras, Y.; Boivin, G.; Ammann, P.; Tsouderos, Y.; Delmas, P. D.; Christiansen, C.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology, University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway

SOURCE: Bone (New York, NY, United States) (2001), 28(4), 446-453

CODEN: BONEDL; ISSN: 8756-3282

PUBLISHER: Elsevier Science Inc.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review

LANGUAGE: English

AB A review with 77 refs. The distribution and incorporation of strontium into bone has been examined in rats, monkeys, and humans after oral administration of strontium (either strontium chloride or strontium ranelate). After repeated administration for a sufficient period of time (at least 4 wk in rats), strontium incorporation into bone reaches a plateau level. This plateau appears to be lower in females than in males due to a difference in the absorption process. Steady-state plasma strontium levels are reached more rapidly than in bones, and within 10 days in the rat. The strontium levels in bone vary according to the anatomical site. However, strontium levels at different skeletal sites are strongly correlated, and the strontium content of the lumbar vertebra may be estimated from iliac crest bone biopsies in monkeys. The strontium levels in bone also vary according to the bone structure, and higher amts.

of strontium are found in cancellous bone than in cortical bone. Furthermore, at the crystal level, higher concns. of strontium are observed in newly formed bone than in old bone. After withdrawal of treatment, the bone strontium content rapidly decreases in monkeys. The relatively high clearance rate of strontium from bone can be explained by the mechanisms of its incorporation. Strontium is mainly incorporated by exchange onto the crystal surface. In new bone, only a few strontium atoms may be incorporated into the crystal by ionic substitution of calcium. After treatment withdrawal, strontium exchanged onto the crystal is rapidly eliminated, which leads to a rapid decrease in total bone strontium levels. In summary, incorporation of strontium into bone, mainly by exchange onto the crystal surface, is dependent on the duration of treatment, dose, gender, and skeletal site. Nevertheless, bone strontium content is highly correlated with plasma strontium levels and, in bone, between the different skeletal sites.

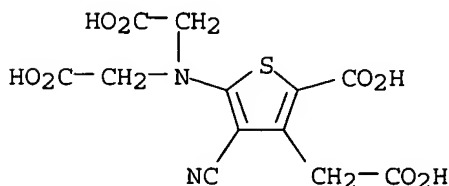
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(incorporation and distribution of strontium in bone and plasma of rats, monkeys and humans)

RN 135459-87-9 HCAPLUS

CN 3-Thiopheneacetic acid, 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-2-carboxy-4-cyano-, strontium salt (1:2) (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:93795 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 135:117163

TITLE: Strontium ranelate increases cartilage matrix formation

AUTHOR(S): Henrotin, Y.; Labasse, A.; Zheng, S. X.; Galais, Ph.; Tsouderos, Y.; Crielaard, J. M.; Reginster, J. Y.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Bone and Cartilage Metabolism Research Unit, University Hospital, Liege, Belg.

SOURCE: Journal of Bone and Mineral Research (2001), 16(2), 299-308

CODEN: JBMREJ; ISSN: 0884-0431

PUBLISHER: American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

AB Based on previous studies showing that strontium ranelate (S12911) modulates bone loss in osteoporosis, it could be hypothesized that this

drug would also be effective on cartilage degradation in osteoarthritis (OA). This was investigated in vitro on normal and OA human chondrocytes, treated or not treated with interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β). This model mimics, in vitro, the imbalance between chondroformation and chondroresorption processes observed in vivo in OA cartilage. Chondrocytes were isolated from cartilage by enzymic digestion and cultured for 24-72 h with 10⁻⁴-10⁻³M strontium ranelate, 10⁻³M calcium ranelate, or 2 + 10⁻³M SrCl₂, with or without IL-1 β or insulin-like growth factor I (IGF-I). Stromelysin activity and stromelysin content were assayed by spectrofluorometry and enzyme-amplified sensitivity immunoassay, resp. Proteoglycans (PG) were quantified by RIA. Newly synthesized glycosaminoglycans were quantified by labeled sulfate (Na²³⁵SO₄) incorporation. This method allowed the PG size after exclusion chromatog. to be determined. Strontium ranelate, calcium ranelate, and SrCl₂ did not modify stromelysin synthesis even in the presence of IL-1 β . Calcium ranelate induced stromelysin activation, whereas the strontium compds. were ineffective. Strontium ranelate and SrCl₂ both strongly stimulated PG production, suggesting an ionic effect of strontium independent of the organic moiety. Moreover, 10⁻³M strontium ranelate increased the stimulatory effect of IGF-I (10⁻⁹M) on PG synthesis but did not reverse the inhibitory effect of IL-1 β . Thus, strontium ranelate strongly stimulates human cartilage matrix formation in vitro by a direct effect of the strontium ion, without stimulating chondroresorption. This finding provides a preclin. basis for in vivo testing of strontium ranelate in OA.

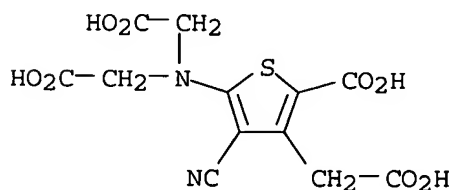
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RL: BAC (Biological activity or effector, except adverse); BSU (Biological study, unclassified); BIOL (Biological study)

(strontium ranelate, strontium chloride, and calcium ranelate effect on cartilage matrix formation)

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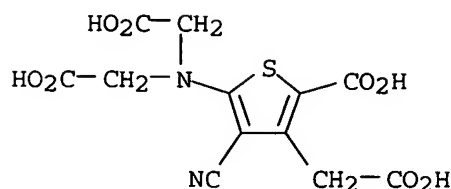
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CN 3-Thiopheneacetic acid, 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-2-carboxy-4-cyano-, calcium salt (1:2) (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)



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TITLE: **Process** for the industrial-scale synthesis of the methyl diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid and its application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and their hydrates

INVENTOR(S): Vaysse-Ludot Lucile; Lecouve, Jean-pierre; Langlois, Pascal

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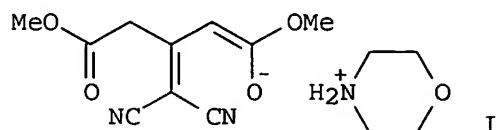
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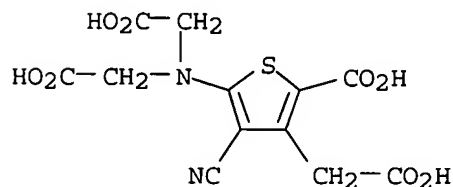
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AB The Me diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid is prepared on an industrial scale via the condensation reaction of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate with malonitrile in methanol in the presence of 0.95 mol of **morpholine** per mol of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate to give the morpholinium salt (I) which is subjected to a cyclocondensation reaction with 0.95 mol of sulfur per mol of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate, the reaction is heated at reflux, water added, and the title compound precipitated and collected by filtration. Application of the Me diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid, and especially strontium ranelate and its hydrates, is claimed.

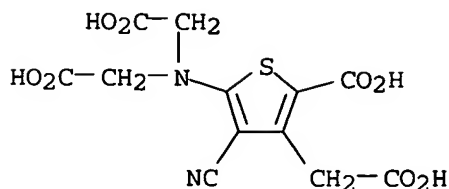
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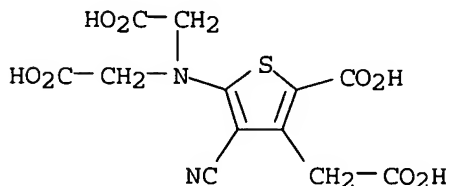
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 RN 135459-90-4 HCAPLUS
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:249307 HCAPLUS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:272696
 TITLE: New process for industrial synthesis of strontium ranelate and its hydrates
 INVENTOR(S): Vaysse, Ludot Lucile; Lecouve, Jean Pierre; Langlois, Pascal
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Les Laboratoires Servier, Fr.
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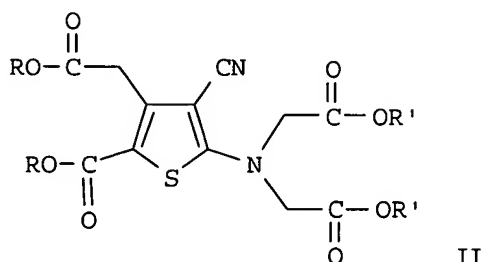
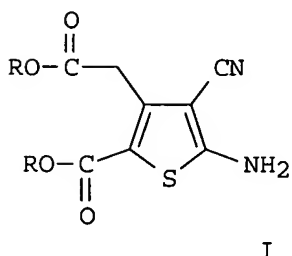
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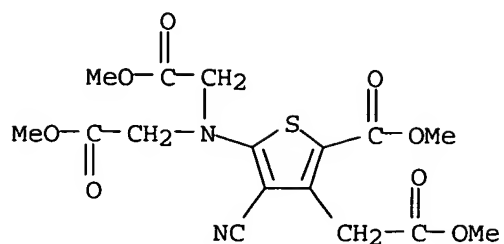
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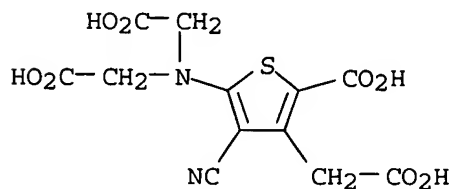
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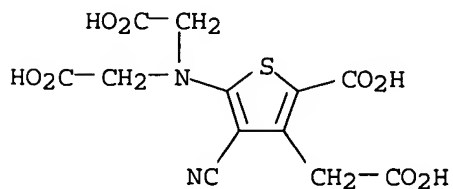
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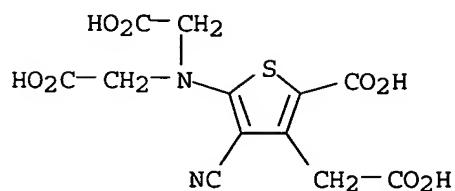
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strontium salt (1:2), octahydrate (9CI) (CA INDEX NAME)

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 of action leading to renewed bone quality

AUTHOR(S): Ammann, Patrick
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Bone Diseases, WHO Collaborating Center
 for Osteoporosis Prevention, Department of
 Rehabilitation and Geriatrics, University Hospital of
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AB A review. Various bone resorption inhibitors and bone stimulators have
 been shown to decrease the risk of osteoporotic fractures. However, there
 is still a need for agents promoting bone formation by inducing pos.
 uncoupling between bone formation and bone resorption. In vitro studies
 have suggested that **strontium ranelate** enhances
 osteoblast cell replication and activity. Simultaneously,
strontium ranelate dose-dependently inhibits osteoclast
 activity. In vivo studies indicate that **strontium**
ranelate stimulates bone formation and inhibits bone resorption
 and prevents bone loss and/or promotes bone gain. This pos. uncoupling
 between bone formation and bone resorption results in bone gain and
 improvement in bone geometry and microarchitecture, without affecting the
 intrinsic bone tissue quality. Thus, all the determinants of bone
 strength are pos. influenced. In conclusion, **strontium**
ranelate, a new treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis, acts
 through an innovative mode of action, both stimulating bone formation and
 inhibiting bone resorption, resulting in the rebalancing of bone turnover
 in favor of bone formation. **Strontium ranelate**
 increases bone mass while preserving the bone mineralization
process, resulting in improvement in bone strength and bone
 quality.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:253137 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:287258

TITLE: **Process** for the industrial-scale synthesis
 of the methyl diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-
 cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid and its application
 to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and
 their hydrates

INVENTOR(S): Vaysse-Ludot, Lucile; Lecouve, Jean-pierre; Langlois,
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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Fr.

SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 4 pp.

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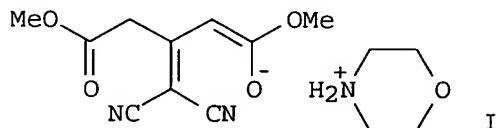
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L8 ANSWER 3 OF 7 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:252227 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:270729

TITLE: **Process** for the industrial synthesis of tetraesters of 5-[bis(carboxymethyl)amino]-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid and their application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ~~ranelic acid~~ and their hydrates

INVENTOR(S): Vaysse-Ludot, Lucile; Lecouve, Jean-pierre; Langlois, Pascal

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): ~~Fr.~~

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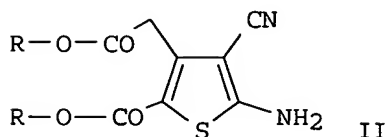
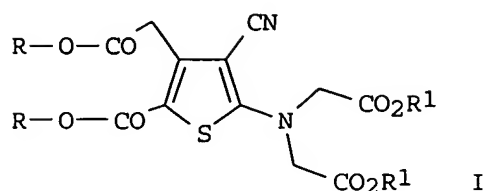
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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:272696

TITLE: New process for industrial synthesis of

INVENTOR(S): **strontium ranelate** and its hydrates
Vaysse, Ludot Lucile; Lecouve, Jean Pierre; Langlois, Pascal

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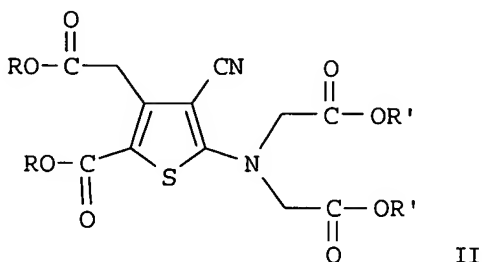
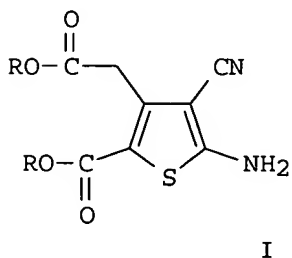
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:371214 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 139:289279

TITLE: Is the calcium receptor a molecular target for the actions of strontium on bone?

AUTHOR(S): Brown, Edward M.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medicine, Endocrine-Hypertension

SOURCE: Division and Membrane Biology Program, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA, 02115, USA
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AB A review. The extracellular calcium-sensing receptor (CaR) plays key roles in maintaining extracellular calcium homeostasis by enabling several of the cells and tissues involved in this **process** to sense small changes in Ca^{2+} and to respond with changes in cellular function that will restore Ca^{2+} to its normal level. The chief cells of the parathyroid gland and the thyroidal C-cells, for example, respond to decreases in Ca^{2+} with increased secretion of the Ca^{2+} -elevating hormone, parathyroid hormone (PTH), and decreased secretion of the Ca^{2+} -lowering hormone, calcitonin, resp. The cells of the renal distal tubule are likewise capable of sensing Ca^{2+} and respond to decreases in Ca^{2+} with increased tubular resorption of Ca^{2+} and vice versa, alterations in tubular function that will contribute to normalization of Ca^{2+} . The skeleton also plays key roles in maintaining Ca^{2+} homeostasis and both osteoblasts and osteoclasts can sense Ca^{2+} , with elevations in Ca^{2+} promoting bone formation and inhibiting bone resorption. It has been suggested that Sr^{2+} could act on bone via the CaR; however, the mol. mechanisms through which Ca^{2+} and Sr^{2+} exert these actions on bone cells remain controversial. Therefore, identifying their mol. target(s) would have significant implications for the treatment of bone loss. Ideally, therapies should simultaneously inhibit bone resorption while stimulating bone formation. Administration of strontium produces exactly those effects. Previous studies with dispersed bovine parathyroid cells as well as a preliminary study using CaR-transfected CHO cells indicate that Sr^{2+} is an agonist of the CaR, albeit with slightly lower efficacies and potencies than Ca^{2+} . Given that Sr^{2+} is distributed preferentially in bone, therefore, an action of this divalent cation on the CaR in bone cells represents one possible mechanism by which **strontium ranelate**, a new antiosteoporotic drug, exerts its skeletal actions in vivo.

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L8 ANSWER 6 OF 7 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:315356 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 135:174574

TITLE: Incorporation and distribution of strontium in bone

AUTHOR(S): . Dahl, S. G.; Allain, P.; Marie, P. J.; Mauras, Y.; Boivin, G.; Ammann, P.; Tsouderos, Y.; Delmas, P. D.; Christiansen, C.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

SOURCE: Bone (New York, NY, United States) (2001), 28(4), 446-453

CODEN: BONEDL; ISSN: 8756-3282

PUBLISHER: Elsevier Science Inc.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review

LANGUAGE: English

AB A review with 77 refs. The distribution and incorporation of strontium into bone has been examined in rats, monkeys, and humans after oral administration of strontium (either strontium chloride or **strontium ranelate**). After repeated administration for

a sufficient period of time (at least 4 wk in rats), strontium incorporation into bone reaches a plateau level. This plateau appears to be lower in females than in males due to a difference in the absorption process. Steady-state plasma strontium levels are reached more rapidly than in bones, and within 10 days in the rat. The strontium levels in bone vary according to the anatomical site. However, strontium levels at different skeletal sites are strongly correlated, and the strontium content of the lumbar vertebra may be estimated from iliac crest bone biopsies in monkeys. The strontium levels in bone also vary according to the bone structure, and higher amts. of strontium are found in cancellous bone than in cortical bone. Furthermore, at the crystal level, higher concns. of strontium are observed in newly formed bone than in old bone. After withdrawal of treatment, the bone strontium content rapidly decreases in monkeys. The relatively high clearance rate of strontium from bone can be explained by the mechanisms of its incorporation. Strontium is mainly incorporated by exchange onto the crystal surface. In new bone, only a few strontium atoms may be incorporated into the crystal by ionic substitution of calcium. After treatment withdrawal, strontium exchanged onto the crystal is rapidly eliminated, which leads to a rapid decrease in total bone strontium levels. In summary, incorporation of strontium into bone, mainly by exchange onto the crystal surface, is dependent on the duration of treatment, dose, gender, and skeletal site. Nevertheless, bone strontium content is highly correlated with plasma strontium levels and, in bone, between the different skeletal sites.

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L8 ANSWER 7 OF 7 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:93795 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 135:117163

TITLE: Strontium ranelate increases cartilage matrix formation

AUTHOR(S): Henrotin, Y.; Labasse, A.; Zheng, S. X.; Galais, Ph.; Tsouderos, Y.; Crielaard, J. M.; Reginster, J. Y.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Bone and Cartilage Metabolism Research Unit, University Hospital, Liege, Belg.

SOURCE: Journal of Bone and Mineral Research (2001), 16(2), 299-308

CODEN: JBMREJ; ISSN: 0884-0431

PUBLISHER: American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

AB Based on previous studies showing that **strontium ranelate** (S12911) modulates bone loss in osteoporosis, it could be hypothesized that this drug would also be effective on cartilage degradation in osteoarthritis (OA). This was investigated in vitro on normal and OA human chondrocytes, treated or not treated with interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β). This model mimics, in vitro, the imbalance between chondroformation and chondroresorption processes observed in vivo in OA cartilage. Chondrocytes were isolated from cartilage by enzymic digestion and cultured for 24-72 h with 10-4-10-3M **strontium ranelate**, 10-3M calcium ranelate, or 2 + 10-3M SrCl₂, with or without IL-1 β or insulin-like growth factor I (IGF-I). Stromelysin activity and stromelysin content were assayed by spectrofluorometry and enzyme-amplified sensitivity immunoassay, resp. Proteoglycans (PG) were quantified by RIA. Newly synthesized glycosaminoglycans were quantified by labeled sulfate (Na²³⁵SO₄) incorporation. This method allowed the PG size after exclusion chromatog.

to be determined **Strontium ranelate**, calcium ranelate, and SrCl₂ did not modify stromelysin synthesis even in the presence of IL-1 β . Calcium ranelate induced stromelysin activation, whereas the strontium compds. were ineffective. **Strontium ranelate** and SrCl₂ both strongly stimulated PG production, suggesting an ionic effect of strontium independent of the organic moiety. Moreover, 10-3M **strontium ranelate** increased the stimulatory effect of IGF-I (10-9M) on PG synthesis but did not reverse the inhibitory effect of IL-1 β . Thus, **strontium ranelate** strongly stimulates human cartilage matrix formation in vitro by a direct effect of the strontium ion, without stimulating chondroresorption. This finding provides a preclin. basis for in vivo testing of **strontium ranelate** in OA.

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L9 ANSWER 1 OF 2 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:253137 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:287258

TITLE: Process for the industrial-scale synthesis of the methyl diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid and its application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and their hydrates

INVENTOR(S): Vaysse-Ludot, Lucile; Lecouve, Jean-pierre; Langlois, Pascal

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Fr.

SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 4 pp.

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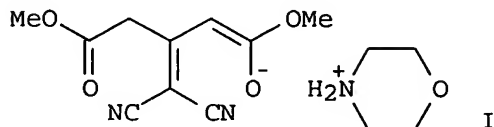
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AB The Me diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid is prepared on an industrial scale via the condensation reaction of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate with malonitrile in methanol in the presence of 0.95 mol of **morpholine** per mol of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate to give the morpholinium salt (I) which is subjected to a cyclocondensation reaction with 0.95 mol of sulfur per mol of di-Me 3-oxoglutarate, the reaction is heated at reflux, water added, and the title compound precipitated and collected by filtration. Application of the Me diester of 5-amino-3-carboxymethyl-4-cyano-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid, and especially **strontium ranelate** and its hydrates, is claimed.

L9 ANSWER 2 OF 2 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:249307 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:272696

TITLE: New process for industrial synthesis of **strontium ranelate** and its hydrates

INVENTOR(S): Vaysse, Ludot Lucile; Lecouve, Jean Pierre; Langlois, Pascal

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Les Laboratoires Servier, Fr.

SOURCE: Fr. Demande, 22 pp.

CODEN: FRXXBL

DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent

LANGUAGE: French

FAMILY ACC. NUM. COUNT: 1

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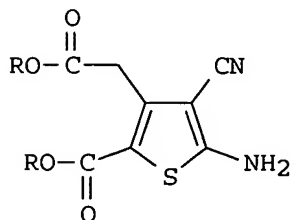
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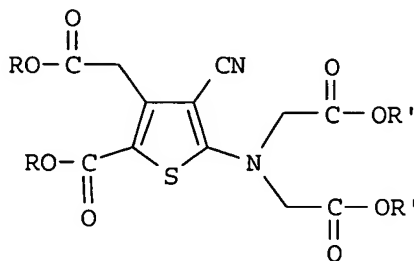
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AB An industrial process for the synthesis of **strontium ranelate** and its hydrates consists of: reaction of $\text{RO}_2\text{CCH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}$ (R = linear or branched C1-6 alkyl) with malononitrile (NCCH_2CN) in MeOH in presence of **morpholine** (>0.95 mol per mol diester) to give the morpholinium salt of $\text{ROCOCH}_2\text{C}[:\text{C}(\text{CN})_2]\text{CH}:\text{C}(\text{OR})\text{O}-$, followed by refluxing with sulfur to give thiophene derivative I (same R). Reaction of the latter (as diacid) with $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}'$ (R' = e.g., Me or Et) in the presence of a catalytic quantity of C8-10 quaternary ammonium salt and K_2CO_3 in an organic solvent at reflux affords tetracarboxylate II, which reacts with $\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2$ at reflux in water for ≥ 5 h to give **strontium ranelate** and its hydrates. Thus, the octahydrate of **strontium ranelate** was prepared by this method (96% yield and 98% purity in final step).

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L10 ANSWER 1 OF 7 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:915149 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 138:337014

TITLE: Prevention of Early Postmenopausal Bone Loss by
Strontium Ranelate: The Randomized,
 Two-Year, Double-Masked, Dose-Ranging,
 Placebo-Controlled PREVOS Trial

AUTHOR(S): Reginster, J. Y.; Deroisy, R.; Dougados, M.; Jupsin, I.; Colette, J.; Roux, C.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Bone and Cartilage Unit, University of Liege, Liege, Belg.
 SOURCE: Osteoporosis International (2002), 13(12), 925-931
 CODEN: OSINEP; ISSN: 0937-941X
 PUBLISHER: Springer-Verlag London Ltd.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
 LANGUAGE: English

AB Early postmenopausal women (n = 160) were randomised to receive placebo or **strontium ranelate** (SR) 125 mg/day, 500 mg/day or 1 g/day for 2 yr (40 participants per group). All participants received calcium 500 mg/day. The primary efficacy parameter was the percent variation in lumbar bone mineral d. (BMD), measured using dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry. Secondary efficacy criteria included hip BMD and biochem. markers of bone turnover. At month 24, SR 1 g/day significantly increased lumbar BMD compared with placebo [mean (SD) +5.53% (5.12); p<0.001] for measured values and [mean (SD) +1.41% (5.33%); p<0.05] for values adjusted for bone strontium content. The annual increase for adjusted values was +0.66% compared with -0.5% with placebo, with an overall beneficial effect after 2 yr of about 2.4% with SR 1 g/day relative to placebo. There were no other significant between-group differences in adjusted lumbar BMD. Femoral neck and total hip BMD were also significantly increased at month 24 with SR 1 g/day compared with placebo [mean (SD): +2.46% (4.78) and +3.21% (4.68), resp.; both p<0.001]. SR 1 g/day significantly increased bone alkaline phosphatase at all time points (p<0.05) compared with baseline and between-group anal. showed a significant increase, compared with placebo, at month 18 (p = 0.048). No effect on markers of bone resorption was observed SR was as well tolerated as placebo. The min. does at which SR is effective in preventing bone loss in early postmenopausal non-osteoporotic women is therefore 1 g/day.

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L10 ANSWER 2 OF 7 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:622852 HCAPLUS
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 TITLE: **Strontium ranelate** in osteoporosis
 AUTHOR(S): Reginster, J.-Y.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: WHO Collaborating Center for Public Health Aspects of Rheumatic Diseases, Liege, Belg.
 SOURCE: Current Pharmaceutical Design (2002), 8(21), 1907-1916
 CODEN: CPDEFP; ISSN: 1381-6128
 PUBLISHER: Bentham Science Publishers
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review
 LANGUAGE: English

AB A review.
 REFERENCE COUNT: 26 THERE ARE 26 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD. ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

L10 ANSWER 3 OF 7 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:520657 HCAPLUS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 138:100871
 TITLE: Long-term treatment with **strontium ranelate** increases vertebral bone mass without deleterious effect in mice

AUTHOR(S): Delannoy, P.; Bazot, D.; Marie, P. J.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: INSERM U349 affiliated CNRS, Lariboisiere Hospital,
 Paris, 75475, Fr.
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 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
 LANGUAGE: English

AB It was previously shown that **strontium ranelate** (SR;
 S12911-PROTO, Institut de Recherches Internationales Servier, Courbevoie,
 France) can modulate bone metabolism in rats and mice. To determine the
 long-term
 effects of SR on vertebral bone metabolism in adult mice, the compound or the
 vehicle was given in the diet to normal male and female mice for 104 wk at
 the dose of 200, 600, or 1,800 mg/kg/d corresponding to 0.78, 2.34 or 7.01
 mmol Sr²⁺/kg/d. SR dose-dependently increased plasma strontium concentration,
 as

well as exposure to the drug. Histomorphometric analyses of indexes of
 bone volume, bone formation, and resorption were determined in the endosteal
 vertebral bone. SR significantly increased the trabecular bone volume by
 25% and 59% in females treated with SR 600 and 1,800 mg/kg/d, resp. This
 was associated with a 27% and 62% increase in mineralized bone volume. Bone
 volume was also significantly increased by 17% and 38% in male mice treated
 with SR 200 and 1,800 mg/kg/d, resp. In parallel, SR increased the
 osteoblastic surface by 131% in males. In addition to this stimulatory
 effect on bone formation, a 52% decrease in osteoclastic surface, and a
 dose-dependent decrease in osteoclastic number (30% to 47%), was observed in
 female mice. Finally, SR even at the highest dose tested did not alter
 the osteoid thickness, indicating no deleterious effect on bone
 mineralization. Altogether, these findings show that SR simultaneously
 increases bone formation and decreases bone resorption in male or female
 mice, which results in increased vertebral bone mass in both genders
 without deleterious effect on bone mineralization.

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L10 ANSWER 4 OF 7 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:355260 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 137:57516

TITLE: **Strontium ranelate**: Dose-dependent
 effects in established postmenopausal vertebral
 osteoporosis-A 2-year randomized placebo controlled
 trial

AUTHOR(S): Meunier, P. J.; Slosman, D. O.; Delmas, P. D.; Sebert,
 J. L.; Brandi, M. L.; Albanese, C.; Lorenc, R.;
 Pors-Nielsen, S.; De Vernejoul, M. C.; Roces, A.;
 Reginster, J. Y.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Hopital Edouard Herriot, Lyon, 69437, Fr.

SOURCE: Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism (
 2002), 87(5), 2060-2066
 CODEN: JCEMAZ; ISSN: 0021-972X

PUBLISHER: Endocrine Society

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

AB The aim of the **strontium ranelate** (SR) for treatment
 of osteoporosis (STRATOS) trial was to investigate the efficacy and safety
 of different doses of SR, a novel agent in the treatment of postmenopausal
 osteoporosis. A randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled

trial was undertaken in 353 osteoporotic women with at least one previous vertebral fracture and a lumbar T-score <-2.4 . Patients were randomized to receive placebo, 0.5 g, 1 g, or 2 g SR/d for 2 yr. The primary efficacy endpoint was lumbar bone mineral d. (BMD), assessed by dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry. Secondary outcome measures included femoral BMD, incidence of new vertebral deformities, and biochem. markers of bone metabolism. Lumbar BMD, adjusted for bone strontium content, increased in a dose-dependent manner in the intention-to-treat population: mean annual slope increased from 1.4% with 0.5 g/d SR to 3.0% with 2 g/d SR, which was significantly higher than placebo ($P < 0.01$). There was a significant reduction in the number of patients experiencing new vertebral deformities in the second year of treatment with 2 g/d SR [relative risk 0.56; 95% confidence interval (0.35; 0.89)]. In the 2 g/d group, there was a significant increase in serum levels of bone alkaline phosphatase, whereas urinary excretion of cross-linked N-telopeptide, a marker of bone resorption, was lower with SR than with placebo. All tested doses were well tolerated; the 2 g/d dose was considered to offer the best combination of efficacy and safety. In conclusion, SR therapy increased vertebral BMD and reduced the incidence of vertebral fractures.

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L10 ANSWER 5 OF 7 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2005 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:591786 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 136:363762

TITLE: **Strontium ranelate** inhibits bone resorption while maintaining bone formation in alveolar bone in monkeys (*Macaca fascicularis*)
 AUTHOR(S): Buehler, J.; Chappuis, P.; Saffar, J. L.; Tsouderos, Y.; Vignery, A.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Departments of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, and Cell Biology, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, USA

SOURCE: Bone (New York, NY, United States) (2001), 29(2), 176-179

CODEN: BONEDL; ISSN: 8756-3282

PUBLISHER: Elsevier Science Inc.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

AB **Strontium ranelate** (S12911) has previously been shown to stimulate bone formation and inhibit bone resorption in rats. To determine whether **strontium ranelate** affects normal bone remodeling, we studied the effect of **strontium ranelate** on alveolar bone in monkeys. **Strontium ranelate**, at dosages of 100, 275, and 750 mg/kg per day, or vehicle, were given by gavage to 31 normal adult monkeys (*Macaca fascicularis*) (15 males, 16 females), aged 3-4 yr. Treatment for 6 mo with **strontium ranelate** resulted in an increase in plasma strontium concentration. Histomorphometric analyses of indexes of bone formation and resorption were determined in standardized areas of alveolar bone. Treatment with **strontium ranelate** decreased the histomorphometric indexes of bone resorption (osteoclast surface and number) with a maximal significant effect at the highest dose tested. In contrast to this inhibitory effect on bone resorption, **strontium ranelate** maintained bone formation. Although the amount of osteoid tended to increase, **strontium ranelate**, even at the highest dose, had no deleterious effect on bone mineralization, as evaluated by mineral apposition rate and osteoid thickness. These findings show that **strontium ranelate** decreases indexes of bone resorption

while maintaining bone formation in the alveolar bone in monkeys.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:315356 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 135:174574

TITLE: Incorporation and distribution of strontium in bone

AUTHOR(S): Dahl, S. G.; Allain, P.; Marie, P. J.; Mauras, Y.; Boivin, G.; Ammann, P.; Tsouderos, Y.; Delmas, P. D.; Christiansen, C.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology, University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway

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AB A review with 77 refs. The distribution and incorporation of strontium into bone has been examined in rats, monkeys, and humans after oral administration of strontium (either strontium chloride or **strontium ranelate**). After repeated administration for a sufficient period of time (at least 4 wk in rats), strontium incorporation into bone reaches a plateau level. This plateau appears to be lower in females than in males due to a difference in the absorption process. Steady-state plasma strontium levels are reached more rapidly than in bones, and within 10 days in the rat. The strontium levels in bone vary according to the anatomical site. However, strontium levels at different skeletal sites are strongly correlated, and the strontium content of the lumbar vertebra may be estimated from iliac crest bone biopsies in monkeys. The strontium levels in bone also vary according to the bone structure, and higher amts. of strontium are found in cancellous bone than in cortical bone. Furthermore, at the crystal level, higher concns. of strontium are observed in newly formed bone than in old bone. After withdrawal of treatment, the bone strontium content rapidly decreases in monkeys. The relatively high clearance rate of strontium from bone can be explained by the mechanisms of its incorporation. Strontium is mainly incorporated by exchange onto the crystal surface. In new bone, only a few strontium atoms may be incorporated into the crystal by ionic substitution of calcium. After treatment withdrawal, strontium exchanged onto the crystal is rapidly eliminated, which leads to a rapid decrease in total bone strontium levels. In summary, incorporation of strontium into bone, mainly by exchange onto the crystal surface, is dependent on the duration of treatment, dose, gender, and skeletal site. Nevertheless, bone strontium content is highly correlated with plasma strontium levels and, in bone, between the different skeletal sites.

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AB Based on previous studies showing that **strontium ranelate** (S12911) modulates bone loss in osteoporosis, it could be hypothesized that this drug would also be effective on cartilage degradation in osteoarthritis (OA). This was investigated in vitro on normal and OA human chondrocytes, treated or not treated with interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β). This model mimics, in vitro, the imbalance between chondroformation and chondroresorption processes observed in vivo in OA cartilage. Chondrocytes were isolated from cartilage by enzymic digestion and cultured for 24-72 h with 10⁻⁴-10⁻³M **strontium ranelate**, 10⁻³M calcium ranelate, or 2 + 10⁻³M SrCl₂, with or without IL-1 β or insulin-like growth factor I (IGF-I). Stromelysin activity and stromelysin content were assayed by spectrofluorometry and enzyme-amplified sensitivity immunoassay, resp. Proteoglycans (PG) were quantified by RIA. Newly synthesized glycosaminoglycans were quantified by labeled sulfate (Na²³⁵SO₄) incorporation. This method allowed the PG size after exclusion chromatog. to be determined **Strontium ranelate**, calcium ranelate, and SrCl₂ did not modify stromelysin synthesis even in the presence of IL-1 β . Calcium ranelate induced stromelysin activation, whereas the strontium compds. were ineffective. **Strontium ranelate** and SrCl₂ both strongly stimulated PG production, suggesting an ionic effect of strontium independent of the organic moiety. Moreover, 10⁻³M **strontium ranelate** increased the stimulatory effect of IGF-I (10⁻⁹M) on PG synthesis but did not reverse the inhibitory effect of IL-1 β . Thus, **strontium ranelate** strongly stimulates human cartilage matrix formation in vitro by a direct effect effect of the strontium ion, without stimulating chondroresorption. This finding provides a preclin. basis for in vivo testing of **strontium ranelate** in OA.

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